

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
August 16, 2016 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on August 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Rory Wiebel, Boren, Mike Cranston, Loren Hoffman and Catherine Poduska. Absent: Lori Boren. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Wiebel, seconded by Poduska to approve agenda. Carried all. Boren absent.
2. Approval of the Minutes from June 28, 2016. Motion made by Wiebel, seconded by Cranston to approve. Carried all. Boren absent
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report. New nicotine free signs will be going up in the parks soon. Eagle Scouts were recognized for their projects at last night's Council meeting. The average gas bill each month for the new pool heater has been \$400 to \$500 per month and has been a good investment. Swim lesson numbers are up as well as pool passes and daily passes. There have been less closures and the pool has been open longer because of the new heater.
5. Discussion regarding water quality at Nature Park Quarry. Wiebel said concerns have been raised about the water quality and algae at the quarry and wondered if there was anything that could be done about it. Siders said that he met with the DNR in June and the only way to control the "water meal" weed that is growing is with chemicals. It is brought in by water fowl from other ponds. It is not something that will go away but could be controlled. The cost to treat it would be around \$800 per year. It would typically be applied in late spring or early summer. In late June the City applied 8 ounces to an area and it did not have much impact. Siders will request this item in next year's operating budget. Another option in the future would be to dredge out a path to Hahn creek to provide water flow.
6. Discussion regarding possibility of updating Park and Rec shirts. Siders would like to update the Parks & Recreation t-shirt logos but asked for input from the board due to the extra stock of shirts with the old logo. He would like to come up with a plan and a date for phasing out the old logos. Discussion will continue at the next meeting with a possible plan to proceed.
7. Discussion regarding names of parks/parkland. A citizen of Mount Vernon provided Siders with a document showing the names of people that used to own land in Mount Vernon many years ago when it was originated. He thought this could be a starting point for a discussion on whether to name some parkland after certain property owners.

Hoffman will bring an exhibit to the next meeting that shows where all of the parcels are and discussion will continue.

8. Discussion regarding trail connectivity to schools. This is just an initial discussion prior to the school bond vote taking place next month. Further discussion on this item will be dependent on the outcome of that vote and how the board will proceed with funding requests. Siders provided the board with the proposed facilities for the school that also includes the trails plan. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.
9. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer).
10. Old Business.
11. New Business. Siders would like to discuss the possibility of a Parks and Recreation brochure in the future. Siders will be touring community centers in other communities with the City Administrator.
1. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk.